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SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Identification

Product Name Neutral Buffered Formalin (Concentrated)

Cat No. : 22046361

Synonyms No information available

Recommended Use Laboratory chemicals.

Uses advised against No Information available

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Flammable liquids	Category 4
Acute oral toxicity	Category 4
Acute dermal toxicity	Category 4
Acute Inhalation Toxicity - Dusts and Mists	Category 3
Skin Corrosion/irritation	Category 1 B
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation	Category 1
Skin Sensitization	Category 1
Carcinogenicity	Category 1A
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 1
Target Organs - Respiratory system, Central nervous system (CNS), Optic nerve.	
Specific target organ toxicity - (repeated exposure)	Category 1
Target Organs - Kidney, Liver.	

Label Elements

Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

Combustible liquid
Harmful if swallowed
Harmful in contact with skin
Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

May cause an allergic skin reaction
 Toxic if inhaled
 May cause respiratory irritation
 May cause drowsiness or dizziness
 May cause cancer
 Causes damage to organs
 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure



Precautionary Statements

Prevention

Obtain special instructions before use
 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
 Use personal protective equipment as required
 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace
 Wear protective gloves
 Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. - No smoking
 Keep cool

Response

Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

Inhalation

IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

Skin

Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower
 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention

Eyes

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

Ingestion

Rinse mouth
 Do NOT induce vomiting

Fire

In case of fire: Use CO₂, dry chemical, or foam for extinction

Storage

Store locked up
 Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

Disposal

Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant

Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Other hazards

Poison, may be fatal or cause blindness if swallowed. Vapor harmful. Cannot be made non-poisonous. WARNING! This product contains a chemical known in the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

3. Composition / information on ingredients

Component	CAS-No	Weight %
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	18 - 20

Sodium phosphate dibasic	7558-79-4	3 - 3.5
Sodium phosphate, monobasic	7558-80-7	1 - 2
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	5 - 6
Water	7732-18-5	70 - 71

4. First-aid measures

Eye Contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Skin Contact	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediate medical attention is required.
Inhalation	Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; induce artificial respiration with a respiratory medical device. Immediate medical attention is required.
Ingestion	Do not induce vomiting. Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects	Breathing difficulties. Causes burns by all exposure routes. May cause allergic skin reaction. Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation: Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing
Notes to Physician	Treat symptomatically

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	No information available
Flash Point	73.3 °C / 163.9 °F
Method -	No information available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Explosion Limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact	No information available
Sensitivity to Static Discharge	No information available

Specific Hazards Arising from the Chemical

Combustible material. Containers may explode when heated. Keep product and empty container away from heat and sources of ignition.

Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide (CO) Formaldehyde Methanol

Protective Equipment and Precautions for Firefighters

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

NFPA

Health	Flammability	Instability	Physical hazards
3	2	0	N/A

6. Accidental release measures

Personal Precautions	Use personal protective equipment. Remove all sources of ignition. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
Environmental Precautions	Should not be released into the environment. See Section 12 for additional ecological information.
Methods for Containment and Clean Up	Soak up with inert absorbent material. Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Remove all sources of ignition.

7. Handling and storage

Handling	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Wear personal protective equipment. Keep away from open flames, hot surfaces and sources of ignition. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not ingest.
Storage	Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.

8. Exposure controls / personal protection

Exposure Guidelines

Component	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Formaldehyde	Ceiling: 0.3 ppm	(Vacated) TWA: 3 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 10 ppm (Vacated) Ceiling: 5 ppm TWA: 0.75 ppm STEL: 2 ppm	IDLH: 20 ppm TWA: 0.016 ppm Ceiling: 0.1 ppm
Methyl alcohol	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm Skin	(Vacated) TWA: 200 ppm (Vacated) TWA: 260 mg/m ³ (Vacated) STEL: 250 ppm (Vacated) STEL: 325 mg/m ³ Skin TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m ³	IDLH: 6000 ppm TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m ³ STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 325 mg/m ³

Component	Quebec	Mexico OEL (TWA)	Ontario TWAEV
Formaldehyde	Ceiling: 2 ppm Ceiling: 3 mg/m ³	Ceiling: 2 ppm Ceiling: 3 mg/m ³	STEL: 1.0 ppm CEV: 1.5 ppm
Methyl alcohol	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 262 mg/m ³ STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 328 mg/m ³ Skin	TWA: 200 ppm TWA: 260 mg/m ³ STEL: 250 ppm STEL: 310 mg/m ³	TWA: 200 ppm STEL: 250 ppm Skin

Legend

ACGIH - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

NIOSH IDLH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

Engineering Measures	Use only under a chemical fume hood. Use explosion-proof electrical/ventilating/lighting/equipment. Ensure adequate ventilation, especially in confined areas. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
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Personal Protective Equipment

Eye/face Protection	Wear appropriate protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles as described by OSHA's eye and face protection regulations in 29 CFR 1910.133 or European Standard EN166.
Skin and body protection	Wear appropriate protective gloves and clothing to prevent skin exposure.

Respiratory Protection

Follow the OSHA respirator regulations found in 29 CFR 1910.134 or European Standard EN 149. Use a NIOSH/MSHA or European Standard EN 149 approved respirator if exposure limits are exceeded or if irritation or other symptoms are experienced.

Hygiene Measures

Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Physical State	Liquid
Appearance	Colorless
Odor	pungent
Odor Threshold	No information available
pH	6.83
Melting Point/Range	0 °C / 32 °F
Boiling Point/Range	101 °C / 213.8 °F
Flash Point	73.3 °C / 163.9 °F
Evaporation Rate	No information available
Flammability (solid,gas)	No information available
Flammability or explosive limits	
Upper	No data available
Lower	No data available
Vapor Pressure	No information available
Vapor Density	> 1.0
Relative Density	1.089
Solubility	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient; n-octanol/water	No data available
Autoignition Temperature	No information available
Decomposition Temperature	No information available
Viscosity	No information available

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactive Hazard	None known, based on information available
Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Conditions to Avoid	Incompatible products. Heat, flames and sparks.
Incompatible Materials	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Acids, Acid anhydrides, Acid chlorides, Peroxides, Metals, nitriles, Isocyanates
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Carbon monoxide (CO), Formaldehyde, Methanol
Hazardous Polymerization	Hazardous polymerization does not occur.
Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.

11. Toxicological information

Acute Toxicity**Product Information**

No acute toxicity information is available for this product

Oral LD50

Category 4. ATE = 300 - 2000 mg/kg.

Dermal LD50

Category 4. ATE = 1000 - 2000 mg/kg.

Vapor LC50

Based on ATE data, the classification criteria are not met. ATE > 20 mg/l.

Component Information

Component	LD50 Oral	LD50 Dermal	LC50 Inhalation
Formaldehyde	500 mg/kg (Rat)	270 mg/kg (Rabbit)	0.578 mg/L (Rat) 4 h
Sodium phosphate dibasic	17 g/kg (Rat)	Not listed	Not listed
Sodium phosphate, monobasic	8290 mg/kg (Rat)	7940 mg/kg (Rabbit)	Not listed

Methyl alcohol	6200 mg/kg (Rat)	15800 mg/kg (Rabbit)	64000 ppm (Rat) 4 h 22500 ppm (Rat) 8 h
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Toxicologically Synergistic Products No information available

Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

Irritation Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin

Sensitization May cause sensitization by skin contact

Carcinogenicity The table below indicates whether each agency has listed any ingredient as a carcinogen.

Component	CAS-No	IARC	NTP	ACGIH	OSHA	Mexico
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	Group 1	Known	A2	X	A2
Sodium phosphate dibasic	7558-79-4	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Sodium phosphate, monobasic	7558-80-7	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
Water	7732-18-5	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

IARC: (International Agency for Research on Cancer)

NTP: (National Toxicity Program)

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Group 1 - Carcinogenic to Humans

Group 2A - Probably Carcinogenic to Humans

Group 2B - Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans

NTP: (National Toxicity Program)

Known - Known Carcinogen

Reasonably Anticipated - Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen

A1 - Known Human Carcinogen

A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen

A3 - Animal Carcinogen

ACGIH: (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)

Mutagenic Effects No information available

Reproductive Effects Experiments have shown reproductive toxicity effects on laboratory animals.

Developmental Effects Developmental effects have occurred in experimental animals.

Teratogenicity Teratogenic effects have occurred in experimental animals.

STOT - single exposure Respiratory system Central nervous system (CNS) Optic nerve
STOT - repeated exposure Kidney Liver

Aspiration hazard No information available

Symptoms / effects, both acute and delayed Symptoms of overexposure may be headache, dizziness, tiredness, nausea and vomiting: Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated: Ingestion causes severe swelling, severe damage to the delicate tissue and danger of perforation: Symptoms of allergic reaction may include rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, muscle pain or flushing

Endocrine Disruptor Information No information available

Other Adverse Effects Tumorigenic effects have been reported in experimental animals. See actual entry in RTECS for complete information.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

Do not empty into drains.

Component	Freshwater Algae	Freshwater Fish	Microtox	Water Flea
Formaldehyde	Not listed	Leuciscus idus: LC50 = 15	Not listed	EC50 = 20 mg/L 96h

		mg/L 96h		EC50 = 2 mg/L 48h
Methyl alcohol	Not listed	Pimephales promelas: LC50 > 10000 mg/L 96h	EC50 = 39000 mg/L 25 min EC50 = 40000 mg/L 15 min EC50 = 43000 mg/L 5 min	EC50 > 10000 mg/L 24h

Persistence and Degradability No information available
Bioaccumulation/ Accumulation No information available.

Mobility

Component	log Pow
Formaldehyde	-0.35
Methyl alcohol	-0.74

13. Disposal considerations

Waste Disposal Methods Chemical waste generators must determine whether a discarded chemical is classified as a hazardous waste. Chemical waste generators must also consult local, regional, and national hazardous waste regulations to ensure complete and accurate classification.

Component	RCRA - U Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes
Formaldehyde - 50-00-0	U122	-
Methyl alcohol - 67-56-1	U154	-

14. Transport information

DOT

UN-No UN3334
Proper Shipping Name AVIATION REGULATED LIQUID, N.O.S.
Proper technical name (FORMALDEHYDE)
Hazard Class 9

TDG

UN-No UN3334
Proper Shipping Name AVIATION REGULATED LIQUID, N.O.S.
Hazard Class 9

IATA

UN-No UN3334
Proper Shipping Name AVIATION REGULATED LIQUID, N.O.S.
Hazard Class 9

IMDG/IMO

Not regulated

15. Regulatory information

International Inventories

Component	TSCA	DSL	NDSL	EINECS	ELINCS	NLP	PICCS	ENCS	AICS	IECSC	KECL
Formaldehyde	X	X	-	200-001-8	-		X	X	X	X	X
Sodium phosphate dibasic	X	X	-	231-448-7	-		X	X	X	X	X
Sodium phosphate, monobasic	X	X	-	231-449-2	-		X	X	X	X	X
Methyl alcohol	X	X	-	200-659-6	-		X	X	X	X	X
Water	X	X	-	231-791-2	-		X	-	X	X	X

Legend:

X - Listed

E - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(e) Consent order under TSCA.

F - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 5(f) Rule under TSCA.

N - Indicates a polymeric substance containing no free-radical initiator in its inventory name but is considered to cover the designated polymer made with any free-radical initiator regardless of the amount used.

P - Indicates a commenced PMN substance

R - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 6 risk management rule under TSCA.

S - Indicates a substance that is identified in a proposed or final Significant New Use Rule

T - Indicates a substance that is the subject of a Section 4 test rule under TSCA.

XU - Indicates a substance exempt from reporting under the Inventory Update Rule, i.e. Partial Updating of the TSCA Inventory Data Base Production and Site Reports (40 CFR 710(B)).

Y1 - Indicates an exempt polymer that has a number-average molecular weight of 1,000 or greater.

Y2 - Indicates an exempt polymer that is a polyester and is made only from reactants included in a specified list of low concern reactants that comprises one of the eligibility criteria for the exemption rule.

U.S. Federal Regulations

TSCA 12(b) Not applicable

SARA 313

Component	CAS-No	Weight %	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	18 - 20	0.1
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	5 - 6	1.0

SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization

Acute Health Hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	Yes
Fire Hazard	Yes
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

Clean Water Act

Component	CWA - Hazardous Substances	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants
Formaldehyde	X	100 lb	-	-
Sodium phosphate dibasic	X	5000 lb	-	-

Clean Air Act

Component	HAPS Data	Class 1 Ozone Depletors	Class 2 Ozone Depletors
Formaldehyde	X		-
Methyl alcohol	X		-

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Not applicable

Component	Specifically Regulated Chemicals	Highly Hazardous Chemicals
Formaldehyde	2 ppm STEL 0.5 ppm Action Level 0.75 ppm TWA	TQ: 1000 lb

CERCLA

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Component	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA EHS RQs
Formaldehyde	100 lb	100 lb
Sodium phosphate dibasic	5000 lb	-
Methyl alcohol	5000 lb	-

California Proposition 65 This product contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals:

Component	CAS-No	California Prop. 65	Prop 65 NSRL	Category
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	Carcinogen	40 µg/day	Carcinogen
Methyl alcohol	67-56-1	Developmental	-	Developmental

State Right-to-Know

Component	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Formaldehyde	X	X	X	X	X
Sodium phosphate dibasic	X	X	X	-	-
Methyl alcohol	X	X	X	X	X
Water	-	-	X	-	-

U.S. Department of Transportation

Reportable Quantity (RQ): Y
 DOT Marine Pollutant N
 DOT Severe Marine Pollutant N

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This product contains the following DHS chemicals:

Component	DHS Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard
Formaldehyde	11250 lb STQ (solution)
Sodium phosphate, monobasic	2000 lb STQ

Other International Regulations

Mexico - Grade Moderate risk, Grade 2

Canada

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR

WHMIS Hazard Class

- B3 Combustible liquid
- D2A Very toxic materials
- D1A Very toxic materials
- E Corrosive material



16. Other information

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Revision Summary This document has been updated to comply with the US OSHA HazCom 2012 Standard replacing the current legislation under 29 CFR 1910.1200 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)

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